

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COAL  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.166  
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 07.12.2022  
POLICY FOR JUST TRANSITION FROM COAL**

**166. Shri Pinaki Misra:**

**Will the Minister of Coal be pleased to state:-**

- (a) whether there is a plan to introduce a uniform policy for Just Transition from Coal apart from the annual Action Plans;
- (b) if so, the details along with the proposed deadline thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the details of the number of coal mines that have been closed or abandoned between 2014 – 2022, State-wise?

**ANSWER  
MINISTER OF COAL, MINES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS  
(SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI)**

**(a):** No, Sir.

**(b):** Does not arise in view of the reply to part (a) above.

**(c):** In India, transition away from coal is not happening in foreseeable future. Although India is pushing for renewable/non-fossil based energy, but the share of coal in the energy basket is going to remain significant in years ahead. India is augmenting its coal production for meeting its increasing energy needs. Total coal consumption in India is yet to peak. The Economic Survey 2021-22 projects coal demand in the range of 1.3-1.5 billion tonnes by 2030 from the current level of about 1000 MT. It is projected that coal demand will continue to rise and may peak around 2040. Thus, despite thrust on renewable, coal is going to continue as a primary source of energy to meet the growing development needs of India.

**(d):** The details of the number of coal mines that have been closed/ discontinued/ abandoned between 2014 – 2022, State-wise is as given below (Provisional):

<b>S No.</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Number of Coal Mines</b>
1	Assam	3
2	Chhattisgarh	17
3	Jharkhand	29
4	Madhya Pradesh	20
5	Maharashtra	13
6	Odisha	5
7	Telangana	12
8	West Bengal	26

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